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Update on COVID-19 Emergency Response and Recovery

October 13, 2020

Agenda

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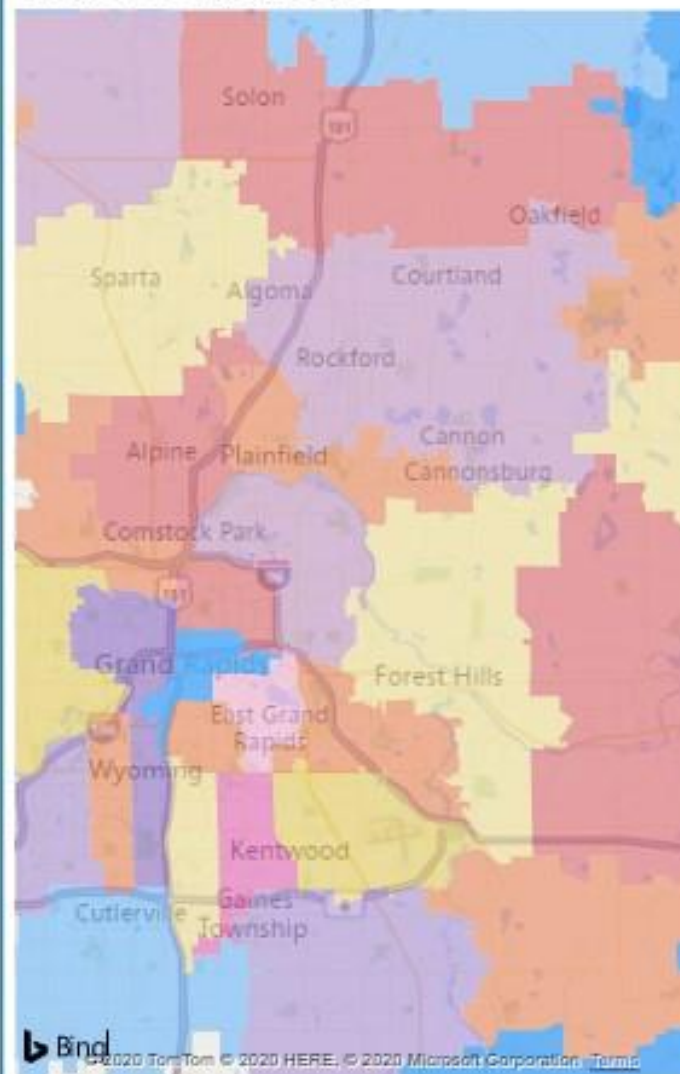
COVID Impacts on:

- Supreme Court Ruling and Executive Orders
- Elections
- Economic Recovery and Resiliency
 - Economic Recovery and Resiliency Work Group Update
 - CARES Funding for Crime Prevention Work
 - Homelessness Work Group Update
 - Social Zones
 - The Bridge GR
 - Halloween

Total Cases	Active Cases	Recovered	Deaths
10.636	2.003	8476	167

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) defines "Recovered" as the number of persons with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis who are alive 30 days post-onset (or referral date if onset is not available). If an individual dies from a COVID-related cause >30 days from onset/referral, they are removed from the number of persons recovered.

Total Cases by Zip Code



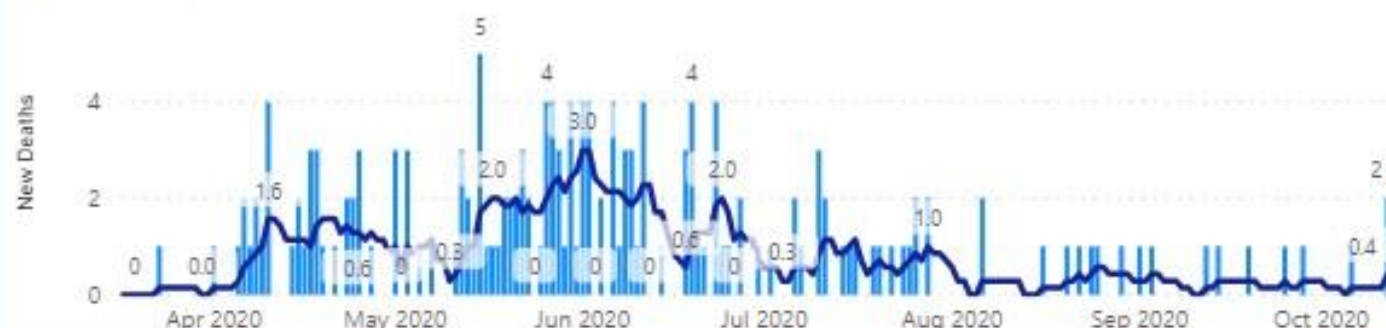
Zip Code	Total Cases
49507	1101
49503	1057
49508	809
49504	790
49509	741
49548	619
49546	510
49519	477
49506	459
49505	411
49525	382
49341	345
49512	319
49418	267
49301	251
49315	249
49321	234
49534	217
49319	207
49316	190
49345	183
49544	153
49331	120
49306	115
49330	108
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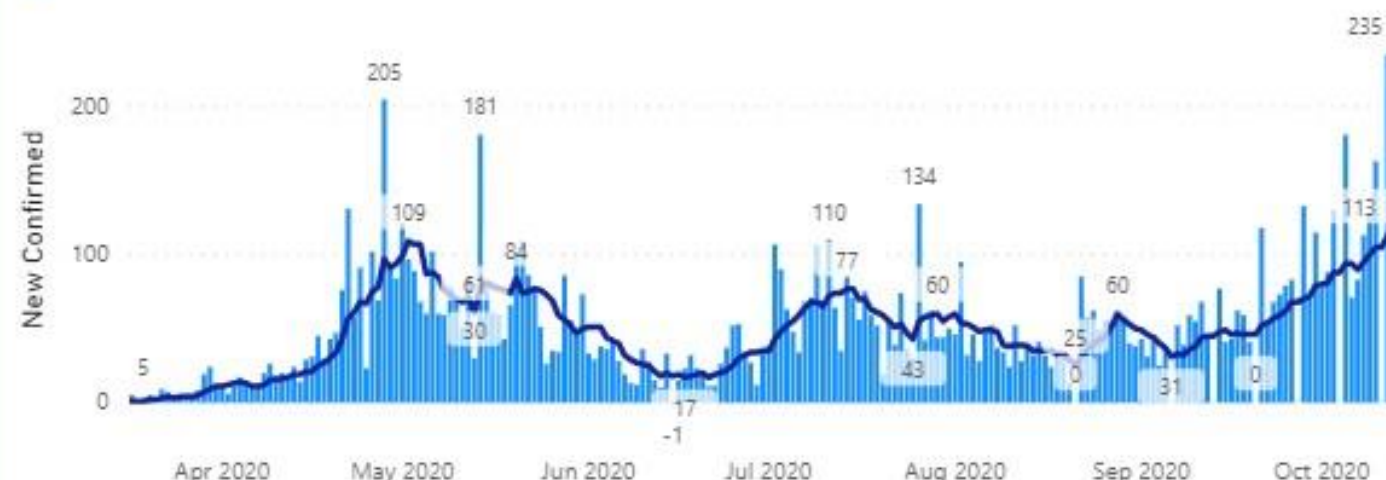
Deaths by Date

● New Deaths ● 7 Day Average



New Confirmed Cases by Date

● New Confirmed — 7-Day Average



The 7-Day Averages reduce variations in new case reporting caused by test result timing and data entry.

Update on Executive Orders

On October 2, the Michigan Supreme Court (MSC) issued an opinion ruling against the statute relied upon for Governor Whitmer's executive orders.

What does that mean locally?

- Protections and directives solely based on the Executive Orders are not valid;
- Other orders from MDHHS still valid pursuant to the Public Health Code;
- Added responsibility on County Health Departments pursuant to Public Health Code and Emergency Management Act;
 - Oakland County; Ingham County; Washtenaw County have already issued orders
- Potential City options for additional regulations and ordinances.



Update on MDHHS Orders

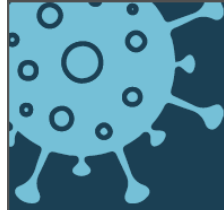
MDHHS Orders related to COVID-19:

- 5 Prior Orders reinforcing Executive Orders (April 4, May 18, May 27, June 10, and July 30);
- New MDHHS Orders following MSC Opinion;
 - October 5 updated on October 9 - Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order (MCL 333.2253, see next slide for summary).
 - October 6 (3 Orders): School reporting; Juvenile Justice Centers; and Residential Care.
 - Additional Orders possible related public health and safety.

Other State Action:

- Legislature has begun to work to resolve some issues left open for interpretation by Supreme Court Opinion (e.g. Virtual meetings and preemption on local mask mandates).





COVID-19

MDHHS EPIDEMIC ORDER OCT. 9



MDHHS has issued orders under a law first enacted by the Michigan Legislature after the Spanish Flu of 1918 specifically to deal with epidemics. Note that the Supreme Court struck down a different, broader law.

Under MDHHS's epidemic order:



1 Masks must be worn over nose and mouth in gatherings of two or more people, including stores, offices, schools and events. Businesses cannot admit people without masks, with few exceptions.



2 Capacity limits apply to indoor and outdoor gatherings, including business, social and recreational settings. They're stricter inside.



3 Restaurants and bars must limit capacity for gatherings, and may only serve alcohol to parties who are seated, 6 feet apart, and stay separate.



4 Organized sports require masks (except for swimming) and have gathering limits.



5 Employees who are in isolation or quarantine because of COVID-19 exposure, symptoms or test results cannot go to work with others, or be required to go to work with others.



6 Contact tracing: Many businesses must collect contact information from their customers so they can be contacted in case they are exposed to someone who is ill.

To reduce confusion following the Supreme Court decision, MDHHS issued orders following existing executive orders as much as possible under the different law to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19.

- Capacity limits and rules for sports are the same as before.
- Traverse City (Region 6) has slightly less strict rules, as before.
- Mask requirements are almost the same; they do not apply to individuals not in gatherings.
- There are no longer bar closures, but bars may only serve alcohol to gatherings seated at tables.
- MDHHS rules do not include all prior worker protections.

To read the complete MDHHS Oct. 9, 2020, Epidemic Order, visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus. Questions or concerns can be emailed to COVID19@michigan.gov.

Election Update

Absentee Ballots

- Mailed 53,586 ballots and have received 23,386 ballots back. 44% returned.
- 147,522 registered voters. 36% were mailed a ballot.
- Senate Bill 757 was signed into law to allow pre-processing of Absentee Ballots the day before the election.
- Absentee/Registration Events held at Dwelling Place residences and Souls to the Polls at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.
- Upcoming Absentee/Registration event at City Hall on Sunday, October 25.
- Clerk's Office open 5-7 pm every Tuesday and Thursday (City Hall and Election Central which is located at 201 Market SW)



Election Update

Election Day – In Precinct Voting

- 7 to 9 Election Workers at each precinct
 - \$100 Hazard Pay for every worker
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided for every worker
 - Includes masks, gloves, and face shields
- Workgroup including Clerk's Office, Executive Office, Emergency Management, Public Safety, Attorney's Office and other departments meet weekly to discuss and plan for polling place safety and post-election concerns



Economic Recovery and Resiliency Work Group (ERRWG)

- Implementing the Economic Recovery and Resiliency Investment Strategy (ERRIS)
- Completed (1) Request for Proposals and (2) Request for Qualification processes
- \$6.1 million requested for \$3.4 million available at this time

Resident Resiliency	\$3,397,747	Business Recovery	\$150,000
Housing Security	\$2,844,218	Small Business Grants	TBD
Housing Support Services	\$ 222,000	Technical Assistance/Outreach	\$ 150,000
Neighborhood Support	\$ 82,000		
Neighborhood Technical Assistance	\$ 99,529		

- Small Business Grant application prepared and to be open soon



COVID Funding

- Resolution accepting \$6.4M Kent County CARES funding on October 13
- Allocated to local units based on COVID-19 cases and population
- Proceeds must be spent by November 15, 2020 or returned to the County
- Allocate grant toward public safety expenses incurred in May and June 2020
- Effectively allows the proceeds to be placed in fund balance
 - Retain to offset fund balance impacts of the pandemic; or
 - Appropriate with budget amendment for recommended use:
 - By the City Manager/Executive Office; or
 - The City's Economic Resiliency and Recovery Team
- Status of all COVID relief funding efforts at the October 30, 2020 workshop



Kent County CARES Funding for Crime Prevention Work

- Kent County COVID Relief Subcommittee has recommended \$500,000 for gunshot detection technology for the City of Grand Rapids with requirement for project completion and expenditure by end of the year
 - Board of Commissioners will consider this allocation on October 22
- ShotSpotter: Series of sensors positioned within a defined area that detect gunfire sounds, initiate an expert review by an external center that confirms the sounds were gunfire, pinpoints the location within 8 ft and notifies the police within 45 seconds
- Gunfire incidents (2020 versus 2019 for January through September)
 - Willful Killing – Gun: Up 166%
 - Aggravated Assault – Gun: Up 42%
 - Weapon Firing (confirmed): Up 215%
 - Shots Fired (unconfirmed): Up 110%
- Shot Spotter national research shows only 20% of shots fired are reported



Kent County CARES Funding for Crime Prevention Work

- Coverage area to be determined based on gunfire data
 - 3 to 4 square miles
 - 2-3-year service contract
 - Cost dependent on above information (majority, if not all to be covered by Kent County CARES funding)
- GRPD will develop a community engagement plan and will follow process for approval via City's Surveillance Policy
- Time is of the essence due to December 30 deadline for implementation



Evidence-Based Violence Prevention Program

- Kent County allocated \$500,000 of CARES funding for evidence-based violence prevention programs
 - In addition to the \$500,000 allocation for gunshot detection technology
 - Kent County is recommending going through a request for proposal (RFP) process for an evidence-based youth violence and crime prevention program



Homelessness Work Group

- Refined Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) efforts

Mission: To preserve health and safety and improve outcomes for homeless persons and our community

Goals: 1) Provide timely response to concerns and complaints, 2) Improve public health and safety outcomes, and 3) Partner with community stakeholders in service delivery

- Began partnership with Network180 and HOT team on 10/5/2020
- Partnering with Community Rebuilders and Arbor Circle on re-housing effort for unsheltered persons/youth on Monroe Center and other targeted locations
- Continuing facilitated discussions with street outreach agencies
- Introducing Interim Homelessness Coordinator to community



Economic Recovery – Outdoor Activation

- Winter activation of social zones
 - Multi-departmental on-site review of existing social zones occurred 9/22/2020
 - Resolutions approved 9/29/2020 define path for heating, shelter, etc.
 - Currently coordinating with DGRI and other partners on seasonal adjustments
- Private property social districts
 - Concept: Commons area and non-alcohol businesses within a shopping mall/center designated as a “refreshment area” (mall/center must contain at least 2 qualified bars or restaurants)
 - Would require City Commission action – resolution to establish the district and individual recommendations of social district permit approval for bars and restaurants
 - In addition to a site map and management plan, a memorandum of understanding between the property owner and City would be required
 - The City’s ongoing involvement likely would be less than for districts/zones in the right-of-way



The Bridge Events



61 events & activations organized over 37 days: August 28 - October 3

79 actual event occurrences. Many events had multiple dates.

37 event organizers participated in organizing official The Bridge GR events & activations. 18 of those organizers were POC or minorities.

All events & activities fit within the 4 pillars of being bridged together: Art, Culture, Music, & Community

Pedestrian Traffic: ANA Park-32,308, BB-46,447, RPC-42,754. Additional estimated event attendance - 3875

A total of \$151,461 sponsorships were awarded for events & activations through The Bridge GR.

14 events took place in surrounding neighborhood parks MLK, Cherry, Lincoln, Garfield, & Roosevelt.

25 of the 61 events were cultural festivals or activities featuring people of color or minorities.

31 of the 61 events took place Downtown in DDA boundaries.

Event occurrences by Ward
WARD 1 - 21 WARD 2 - 49
WARD 3 - 7



Halloween Recommendations

MDHHS has provided recommendations on Halloween Trick-or-Treating, celebrations:

- Share with your children that this year may be different than last, but let them know some of the new ways you plan to celebrate
- Talk with children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations
 - 6 feet distance from others
- Participate in one-way trick-or-treating and guide children to stay to the right to ensure social distancing
- Trick or treat with people you live with
- Avoid congregating in groups around houses
- Wear a face mask covering both mouth and nose
 - A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask
 - Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask if wearing both causes difficulty breathing
- Only go to houses with safety measures in place
- Visit www.halloween2020.org for more information and ways to celebrate safely



Halloween Activities

Midtown Neighborhood Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest (confirmed)

- October 1st through October 27th to submit photos
- www.midtowngr.org/pumpkin to submit photos and more information
- Hosted by Midtown Neighborhood Association

MLK Trunk 'N Treat (confirmed)

- October 31st from 1PM-3PM in the Southeast Parking Lot at MLK Park
- Hosted by Citizen's Leadership Council
- Considering adding Garfield Park

Cook Arts Center Parade Trunk 'N Treat (tentative)

- October 31st from 1PM-3PM location TBD – drive through
- Hosted by Grandville Avenue Arts & Humanities

Cherry Park Contactless Candy Slide (tentative)

- October 31st from 5PM-8PM (Halloween hours TBD) at Cherry Park
- Hosted by East Hills Neighborhood Council

The Collec7ive Anti-Violence Youth Music Concert (confirmed)

- October 31st Time 7PM to 9PM at Rosa Parks Circle
- Hosted by Muse GR



Next Steps

- Accept \$6.4M Kent County CARES Funding on October 13
- Continue to monitor state legislative decisions
- Social Zone Resolution on the City Commission Agenda on October 27
- Continue policy discussion around the implementation of crime prevention technology





Questions